

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend/replace paragraph beginning on page 9, line 3, as follows:

Referring now to Figure 13, a cross-sectional view of the connection on a pair of cells is illustrated. Here after cells 20 are inserted into case 10, a first cover 76 is inserted into battery case 10 and it is configured to engage cells 20. First cover 76 has a lower surface 78 with a plurality of channels or receiving areas 80 configured for engaging walls 24 of cells 20.

Please amend/replace paragraph beginning on page 9, line 15, as follows:

Due to the over thickness of cells 20 being approximately 18.5 mm the size of cell 20 does not allow for welding methods (e.g. "extrusion and fusion") through the partitions of the cell. Thus, the cells are welded to each other between a first cover and an outer cover of the battery. This process is illustrated in Figure 13.

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